

# CHURCH OF GOD *Evangel*



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Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?



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## Readers' Response

I enjoy all the *Evangel* editorials but I especially want to commend the one in the March 6 issue "How to Kill a Sinner." We Christians surely need to watch our lives and be to the sinner as is expressed in 2 Corinthians 3:2, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men."

—MRS. OPAL A. COTTON

Atlanta, Ga.

I wish to mention my deep appreciation of the article "I Am My Brother's Keeper" by Bobbie Lauster that appeared in the March 13 issue of the *Evangel*. The sentiments of my own heart are here beautifully expressed.

—MRS. LEONA KELLY

San Diego, Calif.

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed reading the *Evangel* for years and your editorials have been an inspiration to me. The article that has stirred me into writing this letter is in the March 13, issue entitled, "I Am My Brother's Keeper" by Sister Bobbie Lauster. Every minister in the Church should include excerpts from it in their Sunday morning services. The Church of God should wake up out of sleep and preach the spiritual and not so much the material side of Christianity.

—MRS. A. L. WEST

To the Editor:

Each week when I receive my *Evangel*, I sit down and read the editorial first. It is a blessing to me, each different in itself. One message will be so deep and heart-touching that I must rejoice in tears. Some of them make me feel like shouting hallelujah, and then I feel a greater challenge to accomplish more for the Lord. My determination is strengthened with a greater desire to be a stronger Christian. Surely, each reader receives the same blessing as they read these messages.

—MRS. HAZEL BREWER

Knoxville, Tenn.

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# Editorial

## THE CURSE OF BOREDOM

**B**OREDOM IS AN ENEMY that preys on all men. It takes the joy out of labor and the thrill out of doing.

When your work becomes boring to you it will certainly be so to others. This is true in every walk of life. The wife and mother who allows her work to become boring to her will make her home a boring place to her husband and her children. Her lassitude like an evil contagion will spread to all the family.

All other walks of life are the same.

The preacher who becomes bored with his work will find that his preaching is even more boring to his hearers. He cannot excite others with the gospel when he is no longer excited by it. He cannot thrill them when he is no longer thrilled. He cannot inspire them when he is not inspired. Yet in my lifetime I have seen preachers become actually bored with their labor. Longing for other fields of labor, they go like wooden men about their tasks. Then their boredom

and indifference settles like a deadly pall over all the congregation.

When teaching becomes boring to the teacher, it is far more boring to the pupil. When writing becomes boring to the writer it will certainly be so to the readers.

But there is no need for any Christian ever to become bored. There is too much excitement about living, about doing, about being, when we are in Christ Jesus. Christ is an eternal fountain, a source of never-ending inspiration and joy when we look to Him. We must not allow ourselves to run dry. We must not permit our spirits to become weary and exhausted. Though we labor until our bodies are limp with fatigue, we must in Christ keep that first excitement that came to us in our labor. Boredom makes men old and sick even when they are young; Christ makes them young and ardent even though they are old.

## STEPPINGSTONE OR FOUNDATION?

**E**VERY CHRISTIAN worker should make his place of service the prime object of his ministry. Tragically, many persons seem to look at their present posts of labor as nothing more than steppingstones to some more prominent, lucrative, or desirable place. It should not be so. Each post we hold deserves our devoted attention while we are there. We cannot do our best labor if we are always looking for better or greener pastures.

Every preacher needs to enter his pastorate as though it is to be his post of duty for the rest of his life. Though he may be aware that someday there will likely be a change, his attitude toward his labor should be as if it is permanent. None of us can be faithful to our task when we use our present station as only a steppingstone, or as a sounding board from which to promote ourselves for some more desirable post. We should always approach it as though it is the last place we will ever have a chance to work for the Lord. It could be, you know.

A Sunday School teacher who accepts his class only

as a steppingstone toward some official capacity in the church will never become a really good teacher. How can he render his best service when he is always looking forward to something he deems more desirable?

While it is admirable to have ambition, it is also admirable to give each post our undivided interest while we fill it. We cheapen any work when we use it only to enhance our opportunities for something else. Only by approaching all our work in this serious vein can we do it justice. Then God, seeing the faithfulness of our service, will in due time give us any advancement we deserve. Those who use the place where they are to promote themselves for something else they prefer may very well be left to their own devices.

*Charles W. Cunn*



# Yield Not to the Critics; Yield to God

By R. R. Walker



CONSECRATION and dedication are necessary for every individual to receive the Pentecostal blessings from God. In addition, there are many forces to combat in receiving sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I believe, however, that criticism is the most powerful weapon of the enemy of our souls to hinder us in our start and progress with the Lord. Criticism may be verbal or a critical look or act. It may consist of a just leave-him-alone disposition expressed by one person or a group.

One of the most discouraging things that happened to me in my early Pentecostal experience occurred on the second day after I received my Holy Ghost baptism. We had returned from a water baptismal service where I was baptized the second time (although I had been immersed by the Baptist Church and had been preaching thirteen years). We gathered at a home to pray for a sick lady. I joined the group in praying for the sick, and many of my members (members of the Baptist Church) came to see what was going to take place.

While we were praying I looked up and could see their unbelief and critical attitude. This grieved my heart for I thought every one would be happy to see the sick healed. I thought every one would be happy that I had made a de-

termined start with the Lord and was doing what God wanted me to do and had joined with a group that was the Church of God according to the Bible. But with their critical look and their attitude I was perplexed.

I said, "Lord, now is when I need your help." Then the power of the Holy Ghost came upon me and I witnessed to them of His power and grace. Disbelief was evident all around; but thanks be unto God for His power to witness in spite of criticism. I had served as their pastor for more than four years and thought I knew them well. Although they were critical at that time, many of them later received the Pentecostal experience and came into the Church of God.

I am thankful to God for the victory He gave me then over criticism and the many blessings He has given me since. The power of God causes us to overcome all the critics and keep the victory in Him.

Now let us consider the future of the Church. We know from the beginning, the Church has been criticized both from without and within. However, she has come forth victorious, because men and women have dared to consecrate their lives and have dedicated themselves to carry out God's plan of redemption for the world. But what if we have let down a little here and a little there? I believe

criticism has caused this to happen in many lives and in many churches.

I have always believed that the gifts of the Spirit should be in the Church and that they should be in operation. But because some believe this way and some another, and because some are not backward in criticizing, we have the gifts operating only in part. Even where they are operating they are hindered because of criticism or the fear of criticism. Some of us do not have the gifts because we have not consecrated and dedicated ourselves sufficiently to be trusted by the Lord with them. I think others doubt the sincerity of individuals who strive to obey God. Because of this doubt in their heart toward their fellow man, God cannot entrust in them His gifts.

What would happen in the Church, if God could get us to humble ourselves before Him and completely dedicate body and soul to His divine purpose, if we consecrated our lives to the extent that where we labored mattered not, what position we held mattered not, and what others said mattered not? What would happen if the Holy Scriptures were allowed to be the final answer to all our doubts and fears—, and the peace of God and the leadership of His Spirit were the complete directors of our lives?



Official photograph of the Church of God Supreme Council, March, 1961. Seated (left to right): A. M. Phillips, General Secretary-Treasurer; H. D. Williams, Second Assistant General Overseer; James A. Cross, General Overseer; and Wade H. Horton, First Assistant General Overseer.

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All members and friends of the Church of God are urged to begin praying now for this great spiritual feast.

Announcement will be made later concerning the schedule of services for the Assembly and the Ordained Ministers' Council.

—JAMES A. CROSS  
*General Overseer*

# Except a Man Be Born Again

A DAY WILL COME when those who are not born again will wish that they had never been born at all," someone has said. This greatest miracle of the Bible, and the most sublime ever experienced by man, is not optional. It is the one imperative in the life of every person on earth.

This is that mighty grace that turned murdering Saul of Tarsus into a hero of the cross. This was that overwhelming force that wrenched Peter from his lucrative fishing business and made him a powerful apostle. This was that renewing energy which transformed that woman of ill repute, Mary Magdalene, into a devoted saint and follower of the Lord Jesus. Millions of people in our own times testify to the meaning and power of the miracle of regeneration in their lives.

In Ezekiel, the new birth is called "giving a new heart, and putting within a new spirit." In Acts it is called "repentance and conversion." In Romans, Paul calls it "being alive from the dead." In Corinthians he describes it as being "a new creature." In Ephesians the experience is referred to as "being quickened." In Colossians, it is called "putting off the old man and putting on the new." Titus names it "washing of regeneration." Peter describes it as being "called out of darkness into light," and being "made partaker of the divine nature." John says it is a "passing from death unto life." All these varied descriptions viewed together give one a concise picture of the different aspects of the new birth.

However, whatever the term used to describe it, this change is absolutely necessary; for man has no natural inclination to serve or obey God, neither does the human have any natural pleasure in doing His will. Left to his own devices, no child of Adam would ever make

By Paul S. Cook

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his way back to God. No man is the creator of his own existence, and it is a foregone conclusion that no man can quicken his own soul. It is just as credible to expect a dead man to give himself life as to expect a natural man to impart unto himself life from above.

It is quite obvious that the immoral and the wicked need to be made anew. It is also an evident fact that the irreligious, the irreverent and the intemperate need to change their relationship with God. However, it is significant to note that the doctrine of the new birth is presented, not in connection with a murderer, a thief, an adulterer, nor a human derelict. The man in question was a member of the straightest, severest and most orthodox religion of his time. This was a religion that incorporated beautiful symbolic ritual . . . but it was not sufficient. More than ritual, more than orthodoxy, more than pious sanctimony, Nicodemus required a vital personal transformation. In effect, Jesus taught this formalist that the new birth is not a formula of religious acts that the individual can perform, but it is the acceptance of life, and with it cleansing and righteousness as a divine work. Regeneration is not produced by religion, but by the Spirit. It is not the obedience to a form, but a surrender to a Person!

THE NEW BIRTH is from above. It is the God of creation breathing into the clay of debauched man

the power of transformation, changing him from what he is into what he should be. An illustration of this truth is presented by Henry Drummond who likens it to scientific biogenesis. In the animate and inanimate kingdoms, the elements of the lower kingdom do not have the power to rise to the other except as lifted from above. The lower kingdoms of existence are sealed off from the upper ones. For example, the plant in the vegetable kingdom can reach its roots down into the soil and absorb the minerals of the inanimate kingdom, and thus become a part of the plant life. The animal eats the vegetable, and it becomes a part of him, but the vegetable cannot eat the animal. Man has been trying to lift himself from the human kingdom to the divine ever since Satan beguiled Eve into seeking God-like attributes by eating the forbidden fruit. The simple truth is that it is impossible to achieve such a goal. However, God can reach down and lift man up into the family of the incorruptible. This is why the new birth is an absolute necessity, for there is no other way to become a partaker of the life of heaven.

HOW MAY ONE know that this blessed experience has happened to him? Are there any feelings involved? The largest segment of theologians and preachers today have practically explained away the emotional element of this experience in line with the general trend toward materialism and intellectualism. This brings up the vital question: "is religious experience all in the realm of the intellect, all in the emotions, or both; or is it something mysterious and apart from either sphere?" It can be safely said that the new birth is not a change of mind alone—that is repentance. It is not a spontaneous outburst alone—that is a paroxysm. The Word of God

seems to indicate that both the intellect and emotions are quickened by a supernatural stimulus—"born . . . not of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." This spiritual breath, both life-giving and purifying arouses a consciousness in the mind of the subject and a response from the emotions as the heart strings vibrate once more to the heavenly harmonies.

Oh the paucity of human ex-

pression to describe the exciting new world that this experience opens up! What delightful fresh impulses! What engaging new associations! There are new emotions to explore, challenging spiritual frontiers to pioneer and noble new duties to perform. And to think that the vast majority of the billions of human beings have never even dreamed that this wonderful thing could happen to them. Blind, blind humankind lifts ex-

cited eyes to outer space and is enthralled by minute specks of man-made satellites, when the Creator of all mankind is more than ready to give "to as many as receive Him, the power to become the sons of God," and some day will cause him to inherit not only outer space, but heavenly kingdoms, riches untold and companionship with the Creator Himself.

1961 is the Diamond Jubilee year of the Church of God. At the last General Assembly it was decided that the year should be observed in a unified effort to attain particular goals for the Lord and His kingdom.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE GOALS

During this year, under God's direction and by His help, we hope to attain the following objectives:

**20,000 New Members . . . . .**

**444 New Churches . . . . .**

**195 New Sunday Schools . . . . .**

**128 New Y. P. E.'s . . . . .**

Along with these, there are corresponding goals in missions, literature, and education. These are all divided into specific aims for each department and each state in the Church of God. We can achieve these great goals only through the combined efforts and prayers of all our ministers and members. None of us can afford in these times to be either prayerless or inactive; for though all our goals be attained, we still will not have done enough. We owe the Lord our best efforts. As each state achieves its individual goals, special recognition will be given to that state in the Evangel.

**KEEP PRAYING**

**KEEP WORKING**





# SHORTEN YOUR LINE

By *David L. Lemons*

*Overseer of Indiana*



Dutch fishermen mend their nets. (Gendreau)

**F**ROM THE language of the fisherman which was so effectively employed by Jesus and His disciples, comes the title of this article: "Shorten Your Line."

Have you ever noticed the modern fisherman with all the new-fangled equipment cast the lure far, far away to the other side of the canal or river, then after while maneuver his boat to the

other side and cast the lure back where his boat had been? In this connection think of the many times that the lure is hung in a tree or bush and of the many backlashes; but such is fishing. Or is it? In reality a fisherman's ability should be determined by the amount of fish he catches.

Of many interesting fishermen whom it has been my pleasure to know, two now come to memory

who had very different techniques. Mr. "A" caught many hundreds of pounds of fish. He spared no expense to provide the newest and best boats and equipment. Sometimes there were long intervals between catches, but when he made a catch it was a great thrill that provided a time of rejoicing not only for him but also for the spectators who gathered on the boat dock to observe and hear the great



story. There was no question about it—this was real living.

The other fisherman, Mr. "B", spent far less for equipment and had a much smaller boat; just three or four ordinary fishing poles with short lines would provide his main equipment. Mr. "B" did not fish on the other side of the bay; he fished with short lines where he was. Mr. "B" ordinarily did not catch as many fish as Mr. "A" in one day, but get this—Mr. "B" caught some fish every day, and every day he sold enough fish to provide amply for his needs.

So I just got to thinking, the Lord said, "I will make you fishers of men." While the effort to make the great catches, such as did Mr. "A," need not be abandoned, I decided that it just might be worth it to employ the "everyday" technique of Mr. "B" so I decided to pray about it.

This is how I prayed: "Now, Lord, if you really want me to make direct appeal to lead souls to salvation between Sundays and revivals, just let your Spirit move me and deal with me and direct me to somebody."

I would not attempt to quote what the Lord said in response, but this is the way I was impressed. I felt that the Lord asked me if I thought people should wait until moved upon by the Spirit before they came to church. To this I gave a negative reply and an argument that church attendance is a clearly outlined responsibility set forth in the Holy Word. The next question was, should people wait until moved upon by the Spirit before they pay their tithes? To this I said a definite No, that this should be done on the basis of Christian principle. Then God pinpointed me with this next question. Why should a person called, anointed, and filled with the Spirit have another special moving of the Spirit to do the thing for which He is called, anointed, and filled?

I DECIDED to give this "between Sunday" approach a try. Without feeling any leading of the Spirit I chose to deal with a young man who sat across from me on a train on which we were traveling. Here I give a list of

facilities that I did not have with which to lead this man to Christ: church house, pulpit, choir, altar, music, and special training for personal evangelism. This is what I had: a prospect, and the Holy Ghost to make me an effective witness.

I opened the interview with what was possibly the world's worst beginning. It was in January and there was much snow on the ground; the old train was making a lot of noise so I observed, "This train sounds as if it might fall apart any time, but if it does, thank God I am ready to go to heaven." Then I asked, "Are you a Christian?"

The young man told me he belonged to a church which had not introduced him to Christ and added that he had recently visited a church where he heard the young people give testimony of personal knowledge and experiences in Christ. Then he said, "I wish I could have a testimony like that."

Here I whispered a prayer, "Lord, I did not know you were leading me, but thank You for a real prospect."

After a few words pertinent to the "how" of salvation I made the appeal: "You are just now twenty-one years of age; don't you feel that this would be a good year to accept Christ?"

"Yes," he replied.

"This is the first month of the year; don't you think this would be a good month?"

"Yes."

"Now is God's time; will you give yourself to Jesus now?"

The response came from deep inside and the young man with a surge of emotion said, "Yes, I will."

By this time I was feeling the anointing and I felt like shouting "Glory," camp-meeting style, but I knew I needed to pray with my prospect and get him firmly settled in the faith. So I got a double anointing so I could stay quiet. We prayed together. As the old train rattled down the rails a new soul was born into the kingdom of God.

Perhaps an article of personal testimony is not the best method with which to communicate spiritual truths. It should be observed, however, that without this style the New Testament would be a much smaller book. So indulge the conclusion of this article. Through the years since this experience it has been my practice to deal with men and women concerning their relationship with God with or without the facilities of the church building, pulpit, altar, music, etc. The power is in the Word of God and each Holy-Ghost-filled person has a right to use this power. Indeed, God expects us to bear testimony calculated to lead others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Do not wait until you are a missionary on the other side of the world. Do not wait until you stand in one of the choice pulpits of the country. Do not wait for a favorable season when revival spirit is running high. Do not wait until camp meeting. Do not wait until you have had a training course. *Today is God's time.* Shorten your line; there is a prospect near you.

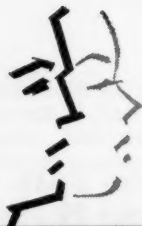
## REVIVALS

By George B. Horton

REVIVALS DO NOT begin at the print shop but at Calvary. Let us be careful lest we become swallowed up in the planning. Advertising is a definite need in any revival, but it does not take the place of prayer and personal witnessing; rather, it supplements these.

We must go back to Calvary and

follow our Redeemer to the grave to be buried with Him. Then as we see Him leave Olivet's brow, and as we listen to the reassuring words of the angelic beings, we will proceed to our "upper room" to be "... endued with power from on high." The revival must not begin in others. It must begin in me.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

AND YOUTH

## Evangelism Through the Sunday School

By Edwin J. Potts

**T**HE SUNDAY SCHOOL is the most consistently effective evangelistic arm of the Church. This is because the Sunday School systematically reaches out into new areas and unevangelized homes and because the Sunday School class is a natural setting for evangelistic endeavor.

The Sunday School teacher has an unparalleled opportunity to do the work of evangelism. He is the first one to meet new prospects and he has regular contact with them week after week.

Therefore opportunities are almost limitless, and responsibilities are heavy for the Sunday School teacher. Unless he takes full advantage of every opportunity, priceless lives may slip out of the Church's sphere unchanged by the grace of God.

Of course the class period itself is the best time to present the message of salvation fully and simply. Occasionally the entire period should be devoted to evangelism. It is difficult, however, to make important individual follow-up during class session. Therefore it is imperative that the teacher take advantage of other times as well.

Pre-session time is vital to good evangelism. The teacher makes friendly contacts with every pupil, both new and old, gaining confidence in himself and building

strong friendships. If there are individual problems or needs, he may discover and meet them. Sometimes the entire process of leading a pupil to Christ may take place during pre-session time.

*The opening assembly* presents another challenge for evangelism. Teachers should keep needs of class members in mind when helping to plan this period. A skit of someone led to Christ, an interview which brings out a person's need of salvation and how Christ solved the problem, or an object lesson illustrating some phase of the evangelistic process could be used during this time.

*Following class time* a teacher will lose one of his vital evangelistic opportunities if he must rush into the choir room or nursery. This is his opportunity to speak individually with those who have responded to the lesson of the hour. The teacher should guard this time carefully so that he is free to speak privately to any who desire help.

*Planned contacts during the week* are an important phase of the teacher's job. During visits in the home of the pupils, friendship can be developed, needs discovered, and often the message of salvation through Christ can be presented and decisions secured. Teachers should keep a regular visitation schedule to the homes of all regu-

lar members and of all absentees and visitors

*Class socials* are excellent occasions to gain insight into the thinking and needs of pupils and to help them develop confidence in the teacher. Although this is definitely not the proper time for a sermon or lesson, even during a prayer or short devotional, seed thoughts can be sown which will further the evangelistic process.

*On other occasions* the teacher needs to be available. If one of his class members responds to a gospel message during a church service, or special evangelistic meetings, he should be on hand to deal with him.

Evangelism should be the first concern of every Sunday School teacher. He is not being fair to himself, his class, or his Lord if he does not make full use of every opportunity to carry out this vital ministry.

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Once you give in to sin, it carries you along. The one who steals almost always lies, too. The one who hurts someone must blame someone else. So one sin leads to another until the devil has us tied up in our own wrong doing. The best thing to do is to tell God about it right away, and whomever else you should. Then you will have an easier time living close to God.—*THE CHRISTIAN PARENT*, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.



# testimonies

## Enjoys "Evangel" and God's Blessings

AFTON, Tenn.—I would like to testify through the *Evangel* of what the Lord has done for me. I love the Lord and want to serve Him to the end. I have been saved two years for which I want to thank Him. Since that time I have been sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and healed by the power of God. I love to read the *Evangel* and it is good to read the testimonies of people whom God has blessed. I would not trade what I feel for anything this world has to offer. Pray for me.

—Georgla Babb

## Gives Thanks for Answered Prayer

GRENADE, Miss.—I would like to praise the Lord for His blessings to me.

A few months ago my sister was healed of some tumors. Many times since then God has answered my prayers. Just recently two of my best friends were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I can never thank Him enough for all the wonderful things He has done for me.

—A sister in Christ

## Could Not Walk for Fifteen Months—Healed

GASTONIA, N. C.—I want to give thanks unto God for saving me and for His wonderful grace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am so glad He loved even me. I want to thank Him too for healing me. On September 27, 1958, my back was broken. The doctor had to take out of my back a disk that was crushed. I was told by him that I might never be able to walk again without crutches. For 15 months I could not walk.

Then thank God, one Sunday morning a good neighbor took me to the Dallas Church of God. A

young man sang, and I felt as he did that surely God could do anything. Glory to His name. The pastor of the church, Sister Wineberger, asked if someone needed something from God. I said, "Yes, I want to be well again." How the glory of the Lord seemed to shine all over Sister Wineberger. She said our God was able to heal now. Oh how God did bless that morning, and I was healed!

The next time I went to church I did not have to use my crutches. Thank God!

MAGEE, Miss.—I will never be able to thank and praise God enough for what He has done for me. In 1957, I had a major operation. Soon after that I was back in the hospital because of my kidneys. The night before I was discharged from the hospital, my right arm began to have severe pains in it. I thought it was caused from so many injections. The doctor said this could be the cause, but I wonder if he didn't have an idea even then that it was something more serious.

I was discharged the next day, for my arm was better; but other attacks followed frequently. Finally, a few months later, I was sent to the hospital again. This time, my case was diagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis. I didn't know at that time what I was really facing. Not too long after I was discharged from the hospital, I began having other attacks; soon it went into almost every joint in my body. Sometimes both arms would be drawn down at one time. It affected my feet so that I could hardly walk.

The last time I went to the doctor he was very much in sympathy with me, but that didn't eliminate the pain or limber my stiff joints. He did help me, however, when he

I am glad for a woman like Sister Wineberger, for she can surely help you get what you need in faith and prayer in Jesus' name.

Please pray for me to stay in God's will and pray for the Church of God in Dallas, North Carolina, that love and the grace of God will always be there. Please pray for me.

—Mrs. Addie Pruitt

## Healed of Severe Headache

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — One night I woke up with my head hurting so badly that I didn't know half what I was doing. I tried to call my pastor, Darrell Froud, but couldn't see to dial the phone. I went across the street to the neighbors and they called him. Brother Froud and his wife came over and spent the rest of the night praying for me. God wonderfully healed me. Praise the name of the Lord.

I have a friend who has had serious trouble with her ears for many years. She came to the church and Brother Froud prayed for her and God healed her. To God be all the glory.

—Cora Saladin

## Healed of Rheumatoid Arthritis

said: "Lady, I guess you know what rheumatoid arthritis will do for you?"

I said, "Yes, it will send you to a wheel chair if there's not something done."

"Yes, I have patients that haven't had this as long as you, and they are in wheel chairs already," he answered. "You have had this two years and are still getting around. The good Lord is the only one that can master your case. All we doctors can do is to give something for pain."

The people at South Shady Grove Church of God were praying for me, but they hadn't known up until that time the seriousness of the condition I was in. Some began to fast and pray for me, and the Lord healed my body. Praise His name! I promised the Lord I would send my testimony to the *Evangel* if He would heal me. I haven't had an attack in six months now, and I can wear my dress shoes, which I hadn't been able to do in more than a year.

I thank God from the bottom of my heart because I know He still heals today. Pray for me for I still need greater faith and more power. I do want to trust the Lord for all things.

—Mrs. Mattie Cole



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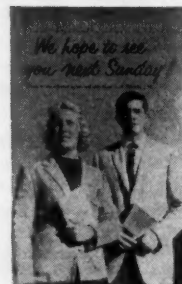
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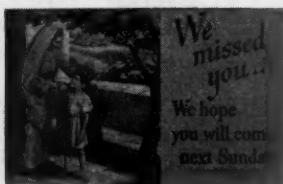
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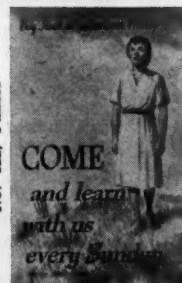
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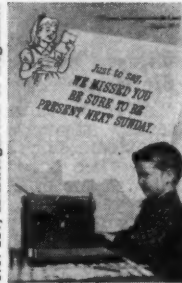
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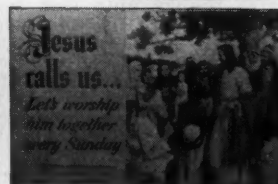
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*"And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins; And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land" (Genesis 35:10-12).*

## THE BLESSING OF BETH-EL

**B**Y HER constitution adopted in 1949, ISRAEL is the national homeland open to every Jew who desires to live within her borders.

To her north lies Lebanon; to her northeast is Syria; to her east, Jordan; and to the south, Egypt. To the west is the Mediterranean Sea. Most of her people live within 20 miles of neighboring Arab countries, and the Arab-Jewish hatred intensified by border warfare since 1948 severely limits progress and spiritual understanding.

Israel is a tiny democratic nation, 8,000 square miles (about the size of the State of Massachusetts), ranking 87th in the world in size, and 76th in population. Of the 2,000,000 inhabitants almost half arrived between 1948 and 1959. the Zionist movement is largely responsible for this influx of Jews from Europe, Asia, and north Africa. Although the population is considered almost 90 per cent Jewish, an estimated 80 per cent have almost no interest in religion (including Judaism).

The capital of Israel is Jerusalem, situated 6,000 miles from Washington, D. C. Half of this city of 158,000 population belongs to Israel (the new half), and half of it (the old city) belongs to Jordan. A fence of barbed wire and stone divides the city.

The life span of the Israeli peo-

ple is 70 years. The illiteracy rate is low, five per cent.

The products of this small nation are many, including textiles, fruit, grain, polished diamonds, and factory goods. Trade to the United States is 17 per cent, and of her imports she receives 31 per cent from the United States. There are 102 people per car, 25 per telephone, and 5 per radio.

The Church of God missionary in Jerusalem, Jordan, is a young aggressive native minister, George Kuttab. There are five congrega-

tions, including one in Bethlehem and one in Jerusalem. Four ministers carry on the work. We have a small Bible school in Ramallah. There is a continual need for good visual supplies and Sunday School pictures.

The World Pentecostal Fellowship will be held in Jerusalem (Jordan side) in May 1961, and it is hoped that our new church building will be completed for this wonderful occasion. It is located on the road to Mount Olive, overlooking the city.

Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. (Israel Government Tourist Photo)





### House of Representatives: Catholics Predominate Group

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—A survey of the new 87th Congress, as reported by Religious News Service, shows that Roman Catholics in the House of Representatives are more numerous than members of any other single religious affiliation.

Although the number of Catholic members dropped from 91 in the 86th Congress to 86 in the new Congress, they outnumber Methodists, who now have 76 and are the second most numerous.

Presbyterians number 61 in the new House, while Baptist have 52 members and Episcopalians 53.

Lutherans have 18 members, the Congregational Christian Churches, 19 and its sister denomination in the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, has 2 members.

Disciples of Christ have 13 members in the House.

Jewish members total 11 in the House. A total of 17 members list their affiliation only as "Protestant" while 3 decline to list any affiliation. Rep. D. S. Saund (Dem.-Calif.), the only Sikh ever elected to Congress, has been re-elected.

The Schwenkfelder Church is represented for the first time in Rep. Richard S. Schweiker (Rep.-Pa.), an active layman in this Pennsylvania Dutch sect.

### Colombian Church Census: 33,156 Protestants

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (EP)—Statistics gathered by the Evangelical Confederation show that there are 33,156 baptized Protestant church members in Colombia—two and one half times as many as in 1953.

Growing at the rate of about 16 per cent per year for the last 7 years, the total Protestant community (church members, church school children and "sympathizers") is estimated to be 5 times the membership, or 165,780 persons. Based on the government's Dec. 31,

1951, estimate of 14,108,226 inhabitants, this is 1.17 per cent of the population of Colombia.

Four hundred and twenty-nine organized churches hold regular services. The 6 largest denominations are: the Seventh-day Adventists with 11,886 members; Colombian Baptist Convention, 3,422 members; United Pentecostal Church, 3,000; Presbyterian Church of Colombia, 1,684; Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1,571; and the Four-Square Evangelical Church, 1,524.

### Pastors Urge Name Change for "Southern" Baptist Convention

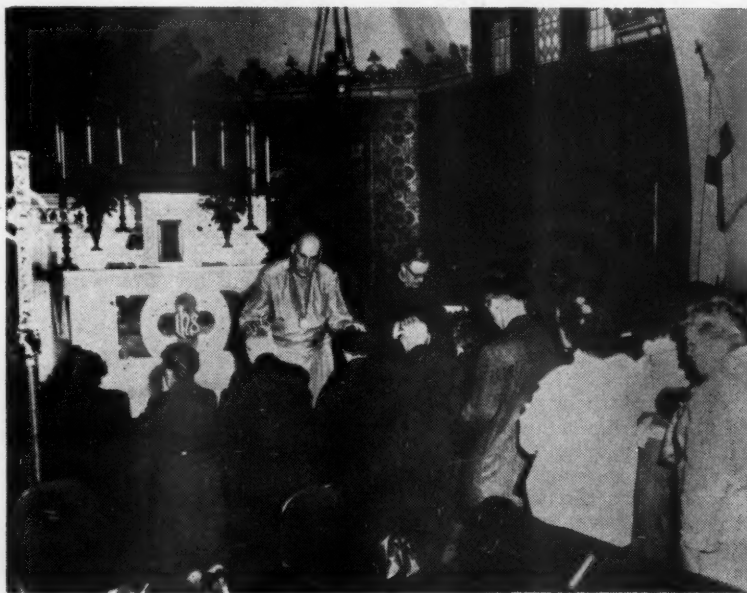
WAUSAU, Wisc. (EP)—A group of Baptist ministers said here that the growth of Southern Baptist Churches in the North could be accelerated if the denomination would change its name.

At the sixth annual pastors' retreat of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Baptist Association (affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas), pastors said that the term "Southern" tends to isolate the denomination geographically, when actually it identifies distinctive theological beliefs.

The "Southern" label says Charles Wood, pastor of Midvale Baptist Church of Madison, Wisconsin, "tends to preserve the animosity generated during the Civil War."

Although the pastors did not come up with a definite name suggestion, they said they hoped Southern Baptist leaders would seriously consider the idea of a change.

### "Heal, O Lord, These Thy Children"



—Religious News Service Photo

CHICAGO, Ill.—Worshippers receive the "laying on of hands" and a prayer for healing as others wait their turn at a public service during a 3-day healing mission conducted in Chicago by Dr. Alfred W. Price (left), rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, and a leading exponent of 20th Century Christian healing.

Also participating is Rev. Herman Anker, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church where the mission was held. Religion and science "have a mission to overcome disease," says Dr. Price, who is warden of the Order of St. Luke the Physician, a non-monastic Episcopal healing group which comprises clergy and lay members.

### From Massachusetts

I heard your fine radio broadcast, "Forward in Faith," from CKLW, Detroit, Michigan, this evening. It was picked up quite by accident, although CKLW comes into the Boston area quite well in the late evening hours. Your program brought inspiration to me, and I will purposely tune in next Sunday. Please add my name to your mailing list, and send me information on your church affiliation, denomination, and the like.

### From Mississippi

We listen to your program in Jackson on Sunday mornings. The power of the Lord is very real in your ministry. We were disappointed when we didn't get to hear you when you came to the local Church of God. We called the pastor, and he said that you would be present for the Sunday morning service only. A group of us Baptists are praying that the Lord will send you to Jackson for revival services. I would like to have the message on "Juvenile Delinquency." I have a teen-age daughter and would appreciate your prayers for her as well as for us as parents.

### From Tennessee

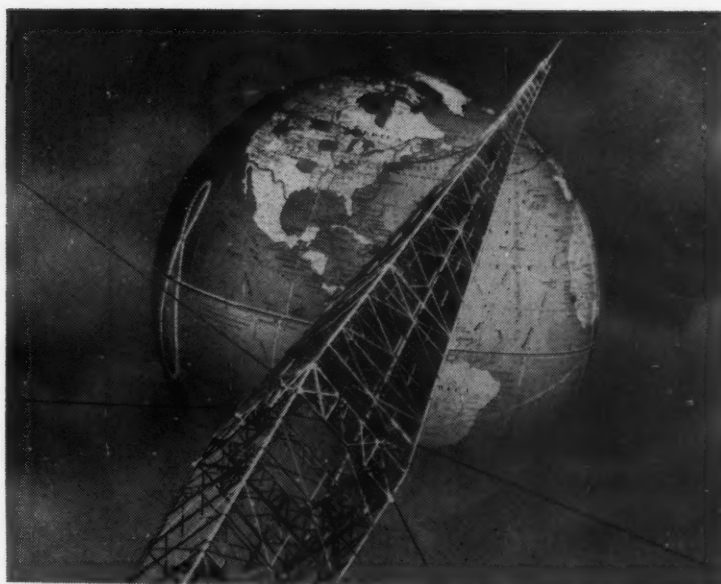
I listen to your Sunday morning programs. I enjoy your sermons very much. They inspire me beyond expression. I am a teen-ager and I love God with all my heart. I was greatly blessed by your sermon, "The Kind of Youth the World Needs." That is the type of sermon it takes to reach the heart of a teen-ager today. Please send me a copy of this sermon as I would like for my friends to read it. Perhaps it will touch their hearts in some way. Please pray for me that I might witness for Christ.

### From New York

I heard your radio message last night, and I felt a conviction, so I placed my hand on my radio cabinet while you prayed. I would like for you to pray that I will live for Christ and do His blessed will. I surely thank God for your ministry and pray that others will accept Christ as their personal Saviour. I would appreciate it if you would send me the message "Backslider, Come Home," and any other messages you have available. From one who has been saved.

### From Arkansas

I just want to thank you for the wonderful programs. The music is the very best and the sermons are all so inspiring. Last week you asked us to tell you over which station we hear the broadcast. I



## I Listen to "Forward in Faith"

*Here are a few letters from those we receive each week concerning the national radio broadcast, "Forward in Faith." We are gratified to know that the broadcast is being heard in so many places.*

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listen to it over two stations: KNOE, Monroe, Louisiana, on Sunday morning, and KLRA, Little Rock, Arkansas, at night. Hearing it two times helps me remember it all week.

### From Tennessee

I am a college student of another denomination. I heard your message for the youth over the radio this morning. It was the best message I have ever heard. I would like to have a copy of this message and any others which you might have available. I would like for you to know that I am praying for you.

### From Alabama

I am a college student attending a college of my church. I am at present preparing myself for full-time Christian service. Every Sunday evening it increases my joy as a Christian to be able to turn my radio on and listen to your wonderful program. I started listening to "Forward in Faith" after I came to college, as I could not pick it up on my hometown radio stations. It is a fine time for me and

one that I look forward to every Sunday. I wanted to tell you and your organization how I feel and to wish the whole program future success in our Lord's work.

### From Costa Rica

I am a regular listener to your program over Station TIQ, Limon, Costa Rica. Your broadcasts are very inspiring. I am a young Christian and a member of the First Baptist Church here. This morning I heard your wonderful message to young people. I am a member of the visitation group of my church, and while visiting today I discussed this message with several people. Please rush me several copies for distribution among the youth of Limon. We are praying for you.

### From Texas

I am a college student and a regular listener to your broadcast. It has really blessed me. The message you gave on, "Reasons for Juvenile Delinquency," was one of the best I have heard on that subject, and I would like to have a copy.





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